

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): A cosmetic composition comprising:

- (i) from about 0.01 to 20% of a C₁-C₂₅ alpha- or beta-hydroxy carboxylic acid at least partially present as a salt thereof and wherein the carboxylic acid and salt thereof are present in a respective molar ratio of 100:1 to 1:1;
- (ii) from about 0.01 to about 10% of a taurate copolymer which is acryloyl dimethyl taurate/vinylpyrrolidone copolymer; and
- (iii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of less than 7.

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Claim 2 (original): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the C₂-C₂₅ alpha-hydroxy carboxylic acid is selected from the group consisting of glycolic acid, lactic acid, 2-hydroxyoctanoic acid and combinations thereof.

Claim 3 (canceled)

Claim 4 (canceled)

Claim 5 (original): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid and salt thereof are present in a molar ratio of 50:1 to 1:1.

Claim 6 (canceled)

Claim 7 (canceled)

Claim 8 (original): A cosmetic composition comprising:

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- (i) from about 0.01 to 20% of a C₁-C₂₅ alpha- or beta-hydroxy carboxylic acid at least partially present as a salt thereof, in an acid to salt molar ratio of about 50:1 to about 1:1;
 - (ii) from about 0.01 to about 10% of an acryloyldimethyl taurate/vinyl pyrrolidone copolymer; and
 - (iii) a cosmetically acceptable carrier, wherein the composition has a pH of less than 7.

Claim 9 (new): A composition according to claim 1 wherein the hydroxycarboxylic acid and salt thereof are present in a molar ratio of 20:1 to 2:1.